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SUBJECT: PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES FOR USINT BAGHDAD

FOR WATCH OFFICER AND SOBIEN/OC-T FROM CRO

SINCE USINT NOW HAS A PROFESSIONAL C AND R OFFICER AND TELEX COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BAGHDAD NOW SEEM TO BE RELIABLE, USINT PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING ON A TRIAL BASIS.

A. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY USINT BAGHDAD WILL SEND ALL UNCLASSIFIED TRAFFIC AND IMMEDIATE OR HIGHER PRECEDENCE CLASSIFIED TRAFFIC (ENCRYPTED) DIRECTLY TO SECSTATE VIA OUR TELEX WHICH IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN USINT OFFICE BUILDING. UNTIL IMPROVED HANDLING METHODS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CLASSIFIED TRAFFIC USINT WILL CONTINUE TO SEND ROUTINE AND PRIORITY CLASSIFIED TELEGRAMS TO KUWAIT FOR TRANSMISSION BY EMBASSY KUWAIT.

B. THE OFFICE HOURS OF USINT BAGHDAD ARE 0750 (0050 WASHINGTON TIME) UNTIL 1430 (1130 WASHINGTON TIME) SATURDAY THRU THURSDAY.

C. USINT BAGHDAD WILL INITIATE A CALL TO SECSTATE EACH OF THESE WORKDAYS AT 0800 LOCAL TIME AND AGAIN AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 LOCAL TIME. THE FIRST CALL WILL BE TO RECEIVE ANY UNCLASSIFIED OR HIGH PRECEDENCE ENCODED TRAFFIC BEING HELD BY SECSTATE FOR USINT BAGHDAD. THE SECOND CALL WILL BE TO SEND USINT'S OUTGOING TRAFFIC TO/THRU SECSTATE.

D. ALL ROUTINE AND PRIORITY UNCLASSIFIED TRAFFIC SHOULD BE HELD IN SECSTATE FOR TRANSMISSION DIRECTLY TO BAGHDAD AT THE ABOVE TIMES. ROUTINE OR PRIORITY CLASSIFIED TRAFFIC SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SENT TO KUWAIT FOR ONWARD POUCHING. IMMEDIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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OR HIGHER PRECEDENCE CLASSIFIED AND/OR UNCLASSIFIED TRAFFIC

SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO BAGHDAD AT ANY TIME. THE TELEX MACHINE IS MANNED DURING WORKING HOURS AND IS CHECKED PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT FOR ANY INCOMING TRAFFIC.

F. THE IN-HOUSE TELEX NUMBER FOR USINT BAGHDAD IS -

(AREA CODE) 491 RPT 491 (TELEX NUMBER) 2287 IK RPT 2287 IK.

G. SINCE WE NOW HAVE SATISFACTORY DIRECT UNCLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS, USINT WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOGGING AND SERVICE TRAFFIC.

H. USINT APPRECIATES THE EXCELLENT SUPPORT WE HAVE HAD FROM KUWAIT C AND R IN RECENT YEARS.

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